confectioning of jumbo rolls of photosensitized materials. There is no move to delicense this activity.

**Research on Ayurvedic treatise in Sanskrit for Development of Ayurvedic medicines to treat incurable diseases**

*371. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set up any research project on old Sanskrit treatise of Ayurveda to find cure for cancer, heart ailments and other incurable diseases;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) in what manner Government would explore the possibility of conducting such researches?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD): (a) to (d) The Central Council for Research in Ayurveda and Siddha, an autonomous body under the Ministry have collected references from' medical and allied Sanskrit literature on about 20 diseases, including cancer and heart diseases. The data collected is screened and tried clinically wherever feasible and practicable.

**Bed strength of Safdarjung and Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospitals**

*372. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total bed strength of Safdarjung and Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospitals in Delhi at present and what is the actual requirement estimated on the basis of patients admitted during the last six months in each of these hospitals;

(b) what was their bed strength during the years 1970 and 1980, separately; and

(c) whether any fresh review has been made in this regard; if so, how Government propose to meet the shortage if any of bed strength in these hospitals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD): (a) The bed strength and the number of patients admitted during last six months in Safdarjung Hospital and Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital are as under:—

| | Bed Strength | Number of patients admitted during last six months |
|---|---|---|
| Safdarjung Hospital | 1357 and 174 bassinets | 32,075 |
| Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital | 800 | 17,496 |

The bed strength of both Safdarjung Hospital and Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital is inadequate in relation to demand as reflected in number of patients admitted.

(b) The bed strength of Safdarjung Hospital and Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital during 1970 and 1980 were as under:—

| | 1970 | 1980 |
|---|---|---|
| Safdarjung Hospital | 1207 | 1207 |
| Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital | 679 | 800 |

(c) The Government have reviewed the problems arising from over-crowding and congestion in Central Govt. Hospitals and have initiated several measures. These include:—

(i) Establishment of hospitals in Peripheral areas.